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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 11, line 34 with the following amended paragraph.

This invention further provides a composition comprising the instant CD44 fragment and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. In a preferred embodiment, the carrier is a 16 amino acid polypeptide of the Antennapedia product of the *Drosophila* fruit fly, said polypeptide currently known as Penetratin®, which has the amino acid sequence RQIKIWFQNRRMKWKK (SEQ ID NO:2), and is manufactured by Qbiogene, Inc. (Irvine, CA).

Please replace the Sequence Listing previously entered into the specification via applicants' October 12, 2004 Amendment with the new Sequence Listing attached hereto as **Exhibit D** into the specification following the section entitled "Abstract of the Disclosure" on page 24.